



Onlooker's Diary

England call-up for Searle and Holifield

Another Wycombe man involved with international soccer is Dylan Evans. He has been selected to play three matches for the Wales F.A. against the British Police, Welsh Colleges and Welsh Universities. The first match is against the Police at Wrexham on Monday, November 5.

REACTION to Wycombe Wanderers' draw in the fourth qualifying round of the F.A. Cup on Monday, was varied. Several felt the visit to Worthing on November 3 was favourable, while others would have preferred a home tie.

On the face of it, Wycombe, a League higher than their opponents

KEITH SEARLE and Mick Holifield, two of Wycombe Wanderers' most consistent players this season, are included in an England squad of 22 players who will be staying at Bisham Abbey this week.

The players will be having three days of intensive training before they go to Wembley for the European Nations Cup tie against West Germany on Wednesday. Also in the squad are Wycombe's Larry Pritchard and Derek Gamblin. These two have been regular England men in the past but neither Searle nor Holifield have been capped.

Many feel Searle's inclusion is long overdue and certainly on the sort of form he has been showing this season, he is one of the top amateur forwards in the country. It would be interesting to see him team up with Tony Bass in the England line up.

Few would have thought Holifield would have stood a chance of playing for his country last season, but this term he has looked a completely different player and has obviously impressed England boss Charles Hughes on his visits to Loakes Park.

Mick recently represented the F.A. against the R.A.F. at Uxbridge. He scored one goal and made another in a 4-1 victory. Whether either of them will be in the 16 strong team at Wembley remains to be seen. England are in a group of three, along with Malta.

who play in the Athenian League Division Two, should be the ones to make the first round proper, but as manager Brian Lee pointed out, "Worthing are bound to be motivated by us and it will be a measure of our character if we can overcome the hurdle."

The last time the clubs met was in Brian's first year with Wycombe in the Amateur Football Alliance Cup, semi-final and Wanderers ended up losers 2-1 after extra time.

There were several other fascinating ties. Isthmian League champions Hendon have to visit crack Southern League's Barnet at Underhill — a match that will give an indication of the gap, if any, between Isthmian and Southern League soccer.

The 11 fourth round draw is: Worthing v. Wycombe, Falmouth T. or Bideford T. v. Trowbridge, Yeovil T. v. Weymouth, Bishop Auckland v. South Shields, Blyth Spartans v. Netherfield, Willington v. Horn C.W. or Ashington, Corby T. v. Boston U., Kings Lynn v. Stamford T., Grantham v. Kettering, Stafford R. v. Alvechurch, Macclesfield v. Merthyr Tydfil, Banbury U. v. Tamworth, Telford U. v. Higate U., Runcorn v. Bangor C., Formby v. Bradford O.A. or Goole L., Phyl v. Frickley Coll., Buxton v. Alfreton, Lancaster C. v. Atterham, Hillingdon B. v. Hertford T., Hayes v. Enfield, Epping T. v. Chesham C., Bishop's Cleeve v. Dagenham, Barnet v. Hendon, Folkestone v. Guildford C., Boreham Wood v. Aveley, Wimbledon v. Maidstone U., Leytonstone v. Margate, Hitchin T. v. Bognor T.

CHILTERN, the second oldest rugby club in Bucks, are celebrating their jubilee this season, and already they have played a special match against London Scottish, which they lost heavily.

But that is only one aspect of their celebrations. On Sunday, November 4, Chiltern will be playing a Bucks Representative side. Then on Thursday, November 22, the club are holding their 50th annual dinner at the Bellhouse Hotel, Beaconsfield.

Finally, on Wednesday, December 5, Chiltern will be staging the County Championship Southern Group match between Bucks and Berkshire — the first full county match to be played on the ground.